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BRISTOL  
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Annual Report  
of the  
Port Medical Officer of Health

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## BRISTOL PORT HEALTH COMMITTEE

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The Port Medical Officers are assisted in their duties by a rota of five assistant medical officers. In addition, there are three qualified port inspectors, three assistant port officers, and four rat-catchers. The medical staff also act as medical inspectors of aliens under the direction of the port medical officer as supervising medical inspector.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1940.

My Lord Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a report on the work of the port health authority during the year 1940.

This report is prepared in accordance with instruction contained in Ministry of Health Circular 1937, and having regard to the desirability of avoiding as far as possible the disclosure of certain information, the contents of the report have been considerably abridged.

There have been no alterations in the permanent arrangements which have been fully described in previous reports.

I am,

My Lord Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. H. PARRY

Port Medical Officer of Health

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February, 1941

TABLE A.

Shipping entering the port during the  
year 1940

Number of vessels inspected by medical officer of health	by sanitary inspector	Number reported to be defective	Number on which defects were remedied	Number reported ed as having or having had during the voyage infec- tious disease on board
111	1540	305	305	27+

+ excluding vessels having venereal disease on board.

TABLE C

Cases of infectious sickness LANDED<sup>+</sup> FROM VESSELS

Disease	No. of cases during 1940		No. of vessels concerned
	Pass.	Crew	
Typhoid -Para B	-	1	1
Influenza	-	6	5
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1	1
Malaria	-	23	8
Venereal disease	-	7	7
Other diseases not included in above table LANDED + FROM VESSELS.			
Rheumatism	-	2	2
Diseases of nervous system	-	1	1
Diseases of respiratory system	-	2	2
Diseases of digestive system	-	9	9
Diseases of skin and cellular system	-	4	4
Diseases of bones & organs of locomotion	-	1	1
Traumatism	-	2	2
Ill-defined	-	3	3

+ Include only cases requiring medical attention, but all were not removed from ships to hospital.

TABLE D.

Cases of infectious sickness ON VESSELS DURING VOYAGE  
but disposed of prior to arrival

Disease	No. of cases during 1940		No. of vessels concerned
	Pass.	Crew	
Malaria	-	7	1
Measles	-	3	1
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	-	4	4
Other infectious diseases			
(German measles)	2	-	1
Venereal disease	-	2	2
Other diseases not included in above table ON VESSELS DURING VOYAGE but disposed of prior to arrival.			
Diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
Diseases of digestive system	-	2	2
Rheumatism	-	1	1
Cancer	-	2	2
Old age	-	2	1
Traumatism	-	1	1
Ill defined	-	2	2

TABLE E

RATS DESTROYED DURING 1940 ON VESSELS	
DESTROYED .....	967
EXAMINED.....	313
INFECTED WITH PLAGUE.....	nil
TABLE F	
RATS DESTROYED DURING 1940 IN DOCKS, QUAYS, WHARVES AND WAREHOUSES.	
DESTROYED.....	4924
(together with 513 mice)	
EXAMINED.....	702
INFECTED WITH PLAGUE.....	nil

TABLE G

Measures of rat destruction on plague 'infected' or 'suspected' vessels or vessels from plague infected ports arriving in the port during the year	
Total number of such vessels arriving	No. of such vessels on which trapping, poisoning, etc. were employed.
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TABLE H.

No. of ships	No. of deratisation certificates issued After fumigation with H.C.N.		After trapping Poisoning etc.		TOTAL	No. of deratisation exemption certificates issued	Total certificates issued
	H.G.N.	SULPHUR	H.C.N. & SULPHUR				
191	9	11	-	-	20	171	191

TABLE J.

Number inspected during the year	Defects of original construction		Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
1540		9	160	398

## FOOD INSPECTION

### Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937

Resort to legal proceedings was not necessary during the year.

### Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) Regulations 1925 to 1939

Sampling of foods has been carried out under the provisions of the above regulations

### Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926

No milk (other than condensed, evaporated or dried) was imported during the year.

### Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934.

There are no shellfish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Bristol Port Health Authority. The supply of shell fish marketed in Bristol is obtained mainly from:-

South Wales, South and North Devon, Norfolk, and via London.